

Service Date: September 21, 2001

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF MOUNTAIN WATER)	UTILITY DIVISION
COMPANY, Petition for Approval of)	
Transitional Rates for Former Customers)	DOCKET NO. D2001.6.77
of Missoula Water Works)	ORDER NO. 6377

FINAL ORDER

On April 3, 2001, the Public Service Commission (PSC) approved an acquisition by Mountain Water Company (MWC) of the combined water service assets of Missoula Water Works (MWW) and the City of Missoula, Montana. These assets serve the North Reserve Street and lower Grant Creek areas in or near Missoula. *See, PSC Docket No. D2000.12.203, Declaratory Ruling, April 24, 2001.*

On June 18, 2001, MWC, filed an application before the PSC, requesting transitional rates applicable to former MWW customers. In its application MWC proposes MWW rates continue to apply to former MWW customers through September 30, 2001. The PSC has approved MWC's request on an interim basis. *See, this docket, Notice of Commission Action (August 14, 2001).* Instead of immediate application of MWC rates to former MWW customers, MWC rates apply effective October 1, 2001.

The PSC has issued public notice of MWC's application for transitional rates. *See, this docket, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (August 14, 2001).* No person has filed comments or a request for hearing in response to that notice. The comment and request deadline was September 6, 2001.

The PSC hereby approves MWC's application for transitional rates on a final basis. Regarding MWC's customers who are former customers of MWW, former MWW rates will apply through September 30, 2001. MWC rates will apply to these customers effective October 1, 2001.

Done and dated this 18th day of September, 2001, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.